- The State Govt. would consider granting to the company such incentives and concessions as are provided in the relevant Industrial Resolution in force on this date.
- The State Govt. shall coordinate with the Ministry of Railways for early completion of Daitari-Banspani rail link, development of Haridaspur-Paradeep rail link and Banspani-Paradeep rail link.
- The State Govt. shall provide all support to facilitate the early completion of the National Highway between Haridaspur (Chandikhol) and Paradeep and for upgradation of State Highway from Cuttack to Paradeep to a two lane road.
- The State Govt. shall actively consider construction of two lane, free access public roads connecting the steel project, the mine project and the integrated township development to the nearest National Highway or State Highway.
- The State Government shall establish a special "Single Window Clearance Committee" to ensure clearances under State laws from agencies/ departments within specified time limits.

Merger of IISCO with SAIL

1417. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the merger of India Iron and Steel Co. with SAIL and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether merger will help SAIL to scale up crude steel production and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether SAIL will get control of iron-ore and coal reserves and if so, to what extent the production will increase; and

(d) how much amount SAIL will infuse in IISCO to make it profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Government has approved the merger of Indian Iron & Steel Company (IISCO), a wholly owned subsidiary of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) with SAIL. SAIL will take over all obligations, rights and liabilities

of IISCO, including its permanent employees without any interruption in their services.

(b) There would be no overall increase in Crude Steel production as IISCO is already a subsidiary of SAIL. However, the total crude steel production capacity of SAIL after merger will reach 12.68 Million Tonnes (MT) from its present level of 12.3 MT.

(c) With the merger of IISCO with SAIL, all assets of IISCO including iron ore and coal reserves will be taken over by SAIL. The production envisaged from collieries and mines will commensurate with production as envisaged in Corporate Plan-2012.

(d) IISCO is already a profitable unit and has made net profit of Rs. 27.09 crores and Rs. 46.59 crores during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05, respectively. Further fund infusion in IISCO will be determined by the Corporate Plan 2012 prepared for future development of IISCO.

Preventing delays in implementing POSCO deal

1418. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased of state:

(a) whether the project signed by the Government of Orissa with Korean Steel Co. will create around 13,000 jobs directly and estimated 35,000 indirectly in related sector like ancillaries;

(b) whether Government of India will suitably advise the Government of Orissa to ensure that no delay in the implementation of the project takes place;

(c) if so, whether Government possess model guidelines in this regard based on their experience gained in similar projects earlier; and

(d) if not, whether Government would start such an exercise immediately, so as to eliminate any avoidable delay?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The entire project including mining, steel plant and port is likely to generate direct employment for about 13,000 persons and indirect employment for 35,000 persons.